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LB 761, 835A, 928

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Check in, please. I would like to announce that we have 50 students from Goodrich Junior High School in Lincoln, Senator Landis' District. They have 4 teachers with them. They are in the north balcony. Would you like to stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. We are just waiting for enough senators here to convene. Senator DeCamp, will you check in. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: We are still on 761, the next amendment. Yes, read a couple of things in first.

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly new A bill, LB 835A by Senator Wesely. (Read title to LB 835A.)

Senator Warner would like to print amendments to LB 928, Mr. President. (See page 1574 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to LB 761 is an amendment offered by Senator Fenger. That is on page 1508 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow members, I offer this amendment because I think it is the most prudent and the most honest action that we can take. We have a belt tightening by rural and urban Nebraska families alike and a business climate that is anything but good. Lay-off notices are published daily in one city paper or another. I don't believe we can put our legislative head in the sand and pretend that things are not tight. This amendment does tell our state employees to stay on hold on salary increases this fiscal year. It does, however, say that if our economy shows any signs of turning around that this body in the next session will take a long and I would hope, and I will go on record as saying I would hope favorable look at an increase retroactive to 1/1/'83. Now I have consistently voted against any salary increases for the judiciary in spite of the ridiculously low stipends paid them in view of comparable earning available to many of them. I intend to take the same action if and when constitutional officer raises are proposed. But you know next year this body can address this issue